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LANS FOR YEAR

Thirty-five members of committees d boards of the Conference spent o days at Cazadero early in Sepmber in a planning meeting. It is a regular and official meeting of e Board with a very heavy agenda. here were other meetings of the ocial Action Committee, Committee Evangelism, Church Extension ommittee, Town and Country Comittee, and leaders in church school d youth work. Each of these roups brought reports to plenary ssions, and action by the Board folwed when necessary. The Town and ountry Committee has asked to have s name changed, probably to Church evelopment Committee. It was the nanimous vote of those present that ch a conference be held annually.

ENNETH KINNEAR ELECTED

Mr. Kenneth Kinnear of Plymouth louse at the University of California ttended the first national Student Workers Conference at Eden Semiary, St. Louis, Mo., and was elected ne of the corresponding members of ne Executive Committee. He also ttended the Student Conference at lmhurst College, Illinois.

ASSOCIATIONS

Within a few days after our readers re seeing this issue, the district assoiation meetings will be under way. The schedule will be seen in the Calendar of Events. Miss Eunice Thomas of China will be speaker at all he meetings plus some special dates n between. Mrs. W. Bayard Buckam, President of the Federation of Congregational Women, will likewise e in attendance at all meetings, as will Superintendent Harley H. Gill. Rev. Sidney H. Buckham, Director of Church Extension, will attend the meetings of the San Joaquin Association at Fresno, the Santa Clara Association at Soquel, the Bay Association at San Lorenzo, and the Redwood Empire Association at Eureka. Rev. William W. Meyer, Director of Christian Education, besides the Bay Association, will attend Upper Bay at Rio Vista, Sacramento Valley at Auburn, and Central at Murphys.

Laymen's Retreat

The Laymen's Fellowship will gather for their annual retreat at Cazadero, October 14 and 15. Mr. Herbert W. Hilker, chairman, will preside. The chief attraction will be Mr. Walter A. Graham, national director of laymen's work. Mr. Graham will speak and lead conferences. He will have just returned from a trip by air to Hawaii. Mr. Albert J. Watson of San Mateo is scheduled to preach the sermon on Sunday morning. Registration is not restricted to any specific number. All are invited. The cost will be $5.00 a person. Those attending should bring blankets, towels, and a flashlight. The group will gather before lunch on Saturday and continue until after dinner on Sunday noon.

California Congregationalists will be interested in hearing Toyohiko Kagawa of Japan in a special Earl lecture on December 13 in the First Congregational Church of Berkeley.

ARE MISSIONS STILL NEEDED?

The editor heard Dr. Galen M. Fisher present a paper to an Oakland club in which the following statement was included. Dr. Fisher spent many years in Japan as the leader of the YMCA. Later he organized the survey of foreign missions which was published some years ago under the title, "Rethinking Missions." He is president of the Board of Directors of Pacific School of Religion and has been active in two of our churches, Orinda and Berkeley First. He and Mrs. Fisher spent a number of weeks in Japan this summer. He had an unusual opportunity to interview a great many of Japanese leaders, including the Emperor and the premier, college presidents, editors, and the president of the Bank of Japan. It is out of this rich experience that he brings to us this important message:

"If we Americans expect to enable the Japanese to transform themselves into a democracy, we must take far more effective measures to implant in them the Christian concepts of individual worth and the Fatherhood of God, for vigorous democracy has prevailed only in countries where those concepts are widely held. The Occupation can't do this: it must be done by private efforts.

"Accordingly, we American Protestants, instead of spending a few tens of millions a year for all Asia, should spend a hundred million. Medical, educational, agricultural, social and evangelistic work all need liberal reinforcement. The Communists have long gathered in Moscow hosts of promising youth from many countries and have supplied lavish funds to foment revolution in Asia, Our Congress voted $17 billions for the war in Korea. Shall Christian Americans begrudge a fraction of that sum for the constructive enterprises which are the only fundamental substitute for Communism?

"In Japan, both General MacArthur and leading Japanese urge great strengthening of the Christian forces. Far more Japanese should be enabled to study abroad. More highly qualified missionaries, carefully selected, should be sent. Capital funds for various enterprises can safely be given without danger of pauperization. Certainly, the International Christian University should receive the paltry $10 millions it is asking for, to match the large sum already raised in Japan to buy the site and partly completed buildings. After a critical study has shown how the existing Christian colleges can best be remodeled, they also should receive ample personnel and funds. The danger is not that we shall do too much, but—too little and too late."

A Meditation on The Lord's Prayer

OUR FATHER WHO ART IN HEAVEN

Help me to believe this day that there is a power to lift me up which is stronger than all the things that hold me down.

HALLOWED BE THY NAME

Help me to be sensitive to what is beautiful and responsive to what is good, so that day by day I may grow more sure of the holiness of life in which I want to trust.

THY KINGDOM COME

Help me to be quick to see and ready to encourage whatever brings the better meaning of God into that which otherwise might be the common round of the uninspired day.

THY WILL BE DONE ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN

Help me to believe that the ideals of the spirit are not a far-off dream, but a power to command my loyalty and direct my life here on our real earth.

GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD

Open the way for me to earn an honest living without anxiety; but let me never forget the needs of others; and make me want that benefit for myself which will also be their gain.

AND FORGIVE US OUR DEBTS, AS WE FORGIVE OUR DEBTORS

Make me patient and sympathetic with the shortcomings of others, especially of those I love; and keep me sternly watchful only of my own. Let me never grow hard with the unconscious cruelty of those who measure themselves by mean standards, and so think they have excelled. Keep my eyes lifted to the highest, so that I may be humbled; and seeing the failures of others be forgiving, because I know how much there is of which I need to be forgiven.

AND LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION, BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL

Let me not go carelessly this day within the reach of any evil I cannot resist, but if in the path of duty I must go where temptation is, give me strength of spirit to meet it without fear.

FOR THINE IS THE KINGDOM, AND THE POWER, AND THE GLORY FOREVER AND EVER. AMEN.

And so in my heart may I carry the knowledge that Thy greatness is above me and around me, and that Thy grace through Jesus Christ, my Master, is sufficient for all my needs. Amen.

—Walter Russell Bowie

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

First steps were taken on Sunday afternoon, October 1, in the organization of another new Congregational church in the Forest Hill area of San Francisco. It had been hoped that this might be the first new united church after the proposed merger with the E and R Church. Since this merger has been temporarily halted, the only legal way to continue is to organize a Congregational church in the area and then federate it with the St. John's E and R Church. Twenty-three members signed the charter membership list, and a committee was appointed to plan a gathering for the newly formed group and others who have indicated their interest. Steps will be taken to adopt by-laws and elect officers and to form articles of federation with the E and R Church.

A favorable bid has been received on the first unit of the building which is to be occupied by the federated church. Final word is being awaited from the building societies of the two denominations. The name of the new church is to be St. John's Congregational Church. On Sunday, September 24, at the Bethel E and R Church, Rev. Horst R. Jeschke was installed as pastor of the St. John's Evangelical and Reformed Church. Superintendent Harley H. Gill gave the charge to the congregation.

Christ's Work Day

On Saturday, November 4, Pilgrim Fellowship young people will observe Christ's Work Day. On that day throughout Northern California, these young people will offer their services to earn money by car and window washing, baby-sitting, lawn mowing, silver polishing, dish washing, housecleaning, lawn tending, ironing, garden spading, floor, car, and furniture polishing, and so forth. Their earnings will go for the Pilgrim Fellowship contributions to Our Christian World Mission. Let all our churches and members cooperate by giving these young people this opportunity.

"No" on No. 6

California voters are faced with a grave decision at the November 7 election. They must decide whether to approve or reject State Proposition No. 6. The measure, under the thin disguise of a Pension and Welfare Funding Act, would authorize full-scale gambling throughout the State. It would set up a five-man gambling commission — the "commission" to name themselves to office—and that commission would be responsible to no one but itself!

California would be the gambling empire of the world. The gambling czars must be stopped lest California open its doors to the criminal element of the nation! There is no room in California for the organized crime, gang warfare and civic corruption that go hand in glove with wide-open professional gambling.

Ministers and laymen should help spread this urgent message to as many of our citizens as they can reach. This fight we must not lose.—H.H.G.

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PRESIDENTIAL BANQUET

Nearly 400 Pilgrim Fellowship young people with some of their advisers and pastors gathered at the new building of the Eden Congregational Church at Hayward on Saturday night, September 23, for their annual presidential banquet. This occasion has come to be exceedingly important in the life of our young folk. It was an excellent dinner, very promptly served. Past presidents of the State PF were honored as were officers and members of the cabinet newly elected. There was a great deal of fun, as there should be, and enthusiasm that was bubbling over. There was a beautiful and impressive service of worship led by Dorothy Thelen. President Stuart Leroy Anderson held the attention of the throng with his address, the first to be delivered in a general gathering of our Northern California fellowship since he came to us. Scott Chilcott, of the Sierra Arden Church, Sacramento, as the new president, presided in a most acceptable manner. When one remembers that he comes from one of our newest churches and when we remember that that church has furnished far beyond its quota of district and State PF officers, it should encourage us all to take greater interest in the cause of church extension.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 14—Christian Vocations Conference, Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley.
October 14-15—Redwood-Upper Bay PF Rally, Martinez.
October 14-15—Laymen's Retreat at Cazadero.
October 19—Fall meeting, Federation of Congregational Women, Ebenezer Church, Lodi.
October 20—San Joaquin Association, First Church, Fresno.
October 22—Santa Clara Association, Soquel.
October 25—Upper Bay Association, Rio Vista.
October 26—Sacramento Valley Association, Auburn.
October 27—Central Association, at Murphys.
October 30—Bay Association, at San Lorenzo.
November 2—Redwood Empire Association, Eureka.
December 3—Creation of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A.
May 17-18-19, 1951—Annual Conference, Pilgrim Church, Fresno.

CHURCH GAINS

The Christian Herald annually publishes a report on church membership in the U.S.A. This year's report shows that Protestant membership represents 59% of the total; Catholic membership represents 33%; Jewish membership represents 6%; and all others represent 2%. Of the 53 Protestant denominations having a membership of more than 50,000, the Congregational Christian Churches rank in eleventh place, with a membership of 1,184,661 persons. The E & R Church ranks 16th, with 714,584 communicants.

WOODRUFF TO BE CHAPLAIN

Rev. James H. Woodruff has been called to direct the program of education at the Soledad State Prison. Five hundred men are residents there now. By July of next year, a $6,000,000 institution for 2,000 men will have been completed. Most of the men are required to attend classes. Dr. Woodruff's job is to advise them as to courses. He will be glad to see any of his friends who may be passing on Highway 101 between San Francisco and Los Angeles.

AVAILABLE FOR SUPPLY

Rev. Godfrey Matthews, who is living at 450 Duboce Avenue, Apartment 6, San Francisco, has been preaching at a number of our churches in our Conference during the summer, including North Church, Berkeley, Orinda, and Santa Rosa. He will be glad to serve churches needing supply.

DR. STANLEY NORTH ILL IN NEW YORK

Northern California Congregational people will learn with deep concern of the serious illness of Dr. Stanley U. North, Director of City Work of our Board of Home Missions. He has undergone surgery at the Presbyterian Hospital of New York and at last word was resting comfortably. Good wishes and prayers will reach across the country to him from our people.

COMMUNION SET WANTED?

A communion set such as used by chaplains in the last war has been left in the Conference office. Any minister who can make good use of it may have it. It is in a rather good-sized carrying case.

The Pilgrim Fellowship National Council, meeting at the end of June, elected Jim Price as national Social Action chairman. Just retiring as Northern California P. F. president, Jim is also a Stanford student.

THE PILGRIM FELLOWSHIP STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:

To know God in our lives as revealed by Jesus Christ, to worship Him only, to study His truth, and to dedicate ourselves to His will.

To witness to the message and mission of the church among all people, serving the world in the name of Christ, and striving toward the establishment of brotherhood, justice, and peace.

To cooperate with all who seek to extend the Christian fellowship and to demonstrate the joy of Christianity through creative recreation.

PETALUMA — More visitors have been in attendance at Sunday services during September than at any time previously during the pastorate of Rev. Herbert C. Gans.

A SERIOUS SLIP

The total increase appearing below shows a serious slip over recent months, the increase being only $300 over the like period a year ago where as up to recently it has been running in the neighborhood of $1,500 to $3,000. Three months now remain to the end of the apportionment year. Larger congregations are in attendance. Will not churches and officers give earnest attention to this matter of their benevolence giving?

	App't Jan. 11 to Sept. 30, '49	App't Jan. 11 to Sept. 30, '50
Alameda	$ 839.98	$ 909.98
Alturas	79.94	173.81
Angels Camp	321.33	68.41
Antioch	92.74	276.95
Auburn	182.16	100.00
Benicia	15.50	26.00
Berkeley, Arlington	359.60	479.86
Chinese	——	25.07
First	7,626.49	7,476.78
North	1,022.70	986.70
Northbrae	276.17	400.00
South	694.79	611.82
Biola	47.68	46.08
Campbell	413.55	509.90
Cedarville	46.43	32.10
Cloverdale	106.60	86.25
Cotati	64.50	50.01
Crockett	58.92	110.70
Dinuba	2.00	1.00
Eagleville	7.36	13.38
Elk Grove	33.64	67.14
Etna	55.47	62.85
Eureka	911.88	1,051.84
Fairfax	175.00	190.80
Ferndale	282.06	287.83
Fowler	125.00	——
Fresno, First	2,161.45	2,518.09
Free Cross	——	323.84
Japanese	——	61.25
Zion	66.08	10.00
Glen Ellen	34.23	99.50
Guerneville	36.95	221.09
Hayward	1,611.40	1,647.38
Kenwood	89.03	44.22
Likely	7.13	——
Lodi, Ebenezer	299.30	96.52
First	2,767.52	2,124.28
Loleta	33.46	24.82
Loomis	100.00	——
Martinez	1,149.56	1,449.67
Modesto	64.06	88.67
Murphys	——	5.00
Niles	113.50	24.30
Oakland, Beth. Arm...	71.57	——
First	4,387.83	4,051.27
Fruitvale	67.41	——
Japanese	30.00	——
New Pilgrim	83.44	398.81
Plymouth	1,943.38	1,451.39
Orinda	1,415.18	889.82
Oroville	174.85	250.00
Pacific Grove	138.26	75.84
Palo Alto	3,068.13	2,925.50
Paradise	466.50	535.60
Parlier	10.00	15.00
Penngrove	39.55	175.26
Pescadero	——	26.45
Petaluma	1,055.00	500.00
Pittsburg	273.77	304.42
Port Chicago	61.10	5.00
Porterville	1,404.00	1,400.00
Redwood City	531.84	674.94
Reedley	15.00	——
Rio Vista	80.00	50.00
Ripon	277.39	257.66
Sacramento, Pioneer	2,087.00	2,188.00
Sierra Arden	311.33	137.25
Salida	40.53	31.25
San Carlos	800.00	1,060.00
San Francisco—		
Beth. Miss. Park	137.20	68.15
Calvary	30.00	——
Chinese	——	26.50
First	1,843.42	1,758.24
Ocean View	100.00	100.00
Park Presidio	474.99	662.11
Sanger	66.33	54.36
San Jose	1,401.89	1,560.00
San Leandro	249.41	121.83
San Lorenzo	65.75	17.69
San Mateo	2,600.00	3,600.00
San Rafael	44.70	117.15
Santa Cruz	1,054.87	1,085.79
Santa Rosa	254.30	246.69
Saratoga	273.34	475.17
Sebastopol	346.07	501.83
Sonoma	74.17	190.67
Soquel	92.95	111.15
Stockton	1,558.10	1,099.72
Suisun	107.50	90.00
Sunnyvale	215.65	73.70
Sunol	14.96	138.79
Tulare	1,455.00	1,060.00
Weaverville	100.00	100.00
Woodside	29.00	94.35
Reno, Nevada	642.27	637.46
Miscellaneous	1,755.35	215.00
Pilgrim Fellowship	——	2,031.96
Totals	$56,195.44	$56,425.66

SUNOL—This church has adopted the suggested goal for OCWM for the coming year. Rev. R. B. Whitaker is pastor.

PALO ALTO—On October 1, the 50th anniversary of the organization of the church was observed. The anniversary service was attended by a very large congregation. Superintendent Harley H. Gill and Rev. G. Arthur Casaday gave addresses recounting something of the history of the church and giving a challenge for the days ahead. Nineteen new members were received into fellowship. It being World Wide Communion Sunday, the large congregation shared in the Lord's Supper.

SAN LEANDRO, BROADMOOR —On September 16 about 500 people from church and community gathered at a banquet in the new high school in honor of Rev. Jacob H. McCartney. It was in the nature of an expression of appreciation of his useful citizenship in the community and his outstanding work as a pastor. It was a truly notable occasion. Construction is proceeding on the addition to the church building.

SACRAMENTO, SIERRA ARDEN—A new appropriation has been authorized by the Building Society for additional building facilities. A campaign in the local community is to be waged. If the church were to have double the amount of its total investment, the space provided would not house the children and the young people that are ready to come. Rev. Mary McKee Chester and Rev. Joseph Chester are pastors.

SAN FRANCISCO, OCEAN VIEW—Rev. Karl Olson of Cascade Locks, Oregon, will begin work on October 15. Mr. Olson graduated two and a half years ago from the Chicago Theological Seminary. His recent visit to Ocean View was met with great enthusiasm. Working drawings for the new buildings have been completed and construction may be looked for almost any day.

MURPHYS — Rev. Joseph O. Todd, who has been pastor of this church a little less than two years, is accepting a teaching position near Modesto. He will care for the church until arrangements can be made for a successor.

WOODSIDE — Rev. Melvyn Pratt closed his work on October 1 before going into the armed services as a chaplain. The last two Sundays, the congregations filled the church to capacity.

STOCKTON — Mr. Earnest Lidell, student at Pacific School of Religion, has been added to the staff of this church for Christian Education and youth work while continuing his studies. Rev. Noel J. Breed is pastor.

SEBASTOPOL — Rev. Sidney H. Buckham of the Conference staff is assisting Rev. Raymond C. Keeble, pastor of the church, in the conducting of a visitation campaign of evangelism.

SACRAMENTO, PIONEER — Thirty new members were scheduled for admission into the church on October 8. Probably more had been enlisted before the date of reception. Rev. Torrance Phelps is pastor.

SALIDA—Rev. Lester R. Johnson of Modesto has been supplying this church since Rev. Orval S. Clay accepted the call to be assistant pastor at Sacramento Pioneer Church. —

The Oakland Bethany Armenian Church has moved into its new building at 3855 Whittle Avenue. The old building is being sold by the Conference to the Evergreen Baptist Church.

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES ON THE JOB

BERKELEY, FIRST—The program r the 1950 Seminars has been an- ounced. On each Wednesday eve- ng for six weeks, beginning October , there will be a fellowship dinner th an outstanding speaker. For ie hour, beginning at 8 o'clock, there ll be six seminars covering "Glimps- into Current Books," "Psychology d Life Problems," "The God of the ld Testament," "Our Task at Home d Abroad," "A Search for the Con- tructive in Today's World," and Religion and Science." On Wed- sday evening, September 20, a re- ption was given to Dr. and Mrs. ere V. Loper, honoring them on ie election of Dr. Loper to the oderatorship of the General Council. he social rooms were filled to ca- acity with members of the church nd ministers of the East Bay. Prof. lugh Vernon White presided, and ongratulations were offered in behalf f those assembled by Supt. Harley L. Gill. Dr. Loper has spent several ays in the east recently in connection ith his duties as moderator.

SAN FRANCISCO, PARK PRE- IDIO—This church has literally been ursting at the seams. A forward ovement committee has made a care- ul study of needs and possibilities. he church has given the committee ie go-ahead signal on the following rogram: painting the outside and in- ide of the building and making neces- ary repairs, securing additional prop- rty for a parsonage and removing he present parsonage to provide more pace, erecting a one-story building or the use of the younger children n the Church School, landscaping he area between that building and he present structure. Later on a nore ambitious program will be un- lertaken. Rev. Robert W. Moon is astor.

LA SELVA BEACH—Mr. Earnest idell, student at Pacific School of Re- igion and Student Summer Service worker, served this church during the ummer. Arrangements have now been nade for William McReynolds to pend week-ends with the church dur- ng the year while he completes his tudies at Pacific School of Religion. Rev. E. L. Spaulding will continue to ive in La Selva Beach and to be ctive in the church as layman and former minister.

SANTA ROSA—The church has decided that during the coming year gifts for the building fund from mem- bers and friends will be welcome, but no special community-wide drive will be made. Every possible opportunity to sell the property will be explored, in the hope that within another year assets may be in sight for the first unit of the new property.

LODI, FIRST—Fall work of this church has opened auspiciously. In- cluded are Rally and Promotion Sun- day on September 10, the first fall meeting of the Men's Group, excellent attendance at the Family Church Din- ner, and Pilgrim Fellowship. Rev. A. R. Boone delivered the sermon at the laying of the cornerstone of the new Elk Grove Church.

PORTERVILLE — Eleven new members were received on World Wide Communion Sunday. The church was filled. Harvest Home Dinner is to come on October 25. On Sunday mornings a junior church is now filling the social hall. The children's choir is under the direction of Mrs. Willis L. Goldsmith, wife of the pastor.

ANGELS CAMP—The 50th anni- versary of the reorganization of this church took place on Sunday, Sep- tember 17. There had been a very small organization as early as 1869, but for 30 years it was practically inactive. Following the going out of existence of the Methodist Church, a movement took place for the form- ing of a Congregational church in September, 1900, and that was the occasion that was celebrated. Super- intendent Harley H. Gill preached the anniversary sermon. A group of members dressed in costume depicted the original group that covenanted themselves together in the formation of the church. An excellent luncheon was served following the service, giv- ing those in attendance an oppor- tunity to inspect the progress of the new social hall which is being erected. Rev. Lawrence D. Granger is the pastor.

BERKELEY, ARLINGTON—Last June the arrangement of automatic reduction of missionary aid for this project came to an end. The strength of the church has been so increased that the members of the church have subscribed nearly $12,000 toward the goal of $22,340. The balance is being raised from the community by teams of workers. This church, while doing all of the normal work of a church, has a tremendous community program. Three church services are held each Sunday morning. During the past summer, 50 families moved out of the area, but 200 new families came in. Mrs. Mary Gray has been added to the staff as Director of Christian Education. Rev. J. Hood Snavely is pastor.

OAKLAND, FIRST — About 400 enjoyed an indoor picnic. The Couples Club started the fall program with a hobby show, which revealed many interests and promoted fellowship. Mr. Harold C. Youngberg from Spring- field, Mass., who is director of music education of the Oakland schools, is to be choir director . Mr. David B. Schaub, the organist, will be studying for his Doctor's degree at the Uni- versity of California. Rev. Clarence Reidenbach is pastor.

OROVILLE — The church has bought a house for a parsonage. This is a project long needed and long contemplated. It will furnish a good home for the minister, Rev. Byron E. Eshelman. The old parsonage next to the church has been rented. A parent- teacher group for the Church School has been organized. A bequest of $1,000 has been received.

ELK GROVE—This church has joined the Central Association, trans- ferring from the German Conference. Rev. Fred W. Gross, who is com- munity counselor in Lodi, is serving the Elk Grove church. Rumor has it that ground has been broken for a new church building.

PENNGROVE — Mr. Laude W. Hays, pastor, appeared before the Committee on Ministerial Standing. His church received the go-ahead sig- nal to plan for ordination under the provisions of the amendment to the By-Laws of the Conference adopted at Santa Cruz.

PESCADERO — Mr. Peter Sher- man, student at Pacific School of Religion, takes over the work of this parish replacing Mr. Ronald O. Smith, who served for two years. Mr. Smith is returning to New Mexico to enter the Presbyterian ministry.

PLEASANT HILL — This church, in process of formation, is having a struggle to find a suitable name, since it has no post office in the area. Two services of worship are held each Sun- day in the home of the minister, Rev. Robert L. Carlson. Seventy children are now enrolled in the church school, meeting in seven homes. Sub- scriptions for the support of the church are being received, thus far averaging about $1.65 per week per family, showing the keen interest which is manifest. A beautiful set of altar furnishings has been given by the parents of one of the members and a piano provided by Miss Mar- garet Buckham and Rev. and Mrs. Sidney Buckham. New chairs have been purchased. A calling committee has been set up, planning a complete coverage of the entire area.

FRESNO, FIRST — Seventy new members were received on World Wide Communion Day, making a total of 251 in the past ten months. The church is having duplicate services of worship and three sessions of Church School, besides Junior High, High School, and College groups, and a Sunday evening forum. No less than 1,200 people were in the building on the first Sunday of October. The forum opened its 28th year and will present a series of 26 lecture, travel film, and musical programs. Rev. William W. Meyer of the Conference staff was the guest of the church, speaking at duplicate services and having conferences with educational and youth leaders. Rev. John H. Gregg is pastor.

MARTINEZ — October has been designated as "Loyalty Month." On World Communion Sunday a special offering was taken for Our Christian World Mission. At the church night dinner on October 10, Rev. Robert L. Carlson of Pleasant Hill is sched- uled to speak. The Martinez church has been deeply interested in this new project from the beginning, furnish- ing some of the splendid new mem- bers. Rev. and Mrs. Donald F. Gay- lord have moved into a new home. Members of the church have furnished some very lovely gifts.

SAN LORENZO — Seventy-five workers who had contributed 8 hours or more in the construction of the building were entertained at dinner, in their honor, on September 22, with Supt. Harley H. Gill as the speaker. Rev. Homer A. Schwarz, the minister, introduced one man who had given 1,120 hours of work and another who had given more than 750 hours, and many others who had given 100 or more hours each.

HAYWARD, EDEN—An adult ed- ucation series, entitled "Learning for Life," is announced for four Wednes- day evenings. Following an address on some timely theme, there will be three discussion groups. Ten young men from this church have been called or have volunteered for the armed services. Rev. Richard C. Norberg is pastor.

SACRAMENTO, OAK PARK — Funds are being collected for painting the church, putting in a lawn, and installing a bulletin board. Services each night for a week will celebrate the anniversary of the church. Rev. Theodore Dunlap is pastor.

BIOLA—The rededication of the improved and redecorated church building is to take place on October 15. Rev. Philip Reich is pastor.

SAN MATEO — Two complete Church Schools are held every Sunday morning, the enrollment being 500, with attendance on a recent Sunday of 361. Children from thirty families which had never been heard from previously have enrolled. Fifty teach- ers have been enlisted. At a meeting announced for parents, when the Church and Home plan was to be discussed, 300 people showed up. Thir- teen new members were received on September 10. Rev. Benton S. Gas- kell, the pastor, says that it is necessary for him to attend two meetings every night of the week because of the growth of the church program. The church has voted to launch a cam- paign for funds to raise $128,000 for various church expansion facilities.

ORINDA—The church has voted to ask the Board of Trustees to take all necessary steps to erect a third church building unit and remodel the present building into a social hall. Bids for the project total $68,500. The church has some funds on hand and arrangements have been made for a substantial loan, but it is necessary to go into a campaign for $25,000 cash at once. A 50% increase in Church School attendance has crowded pres- ent quarters to twice their normal capacity. The church furnishes hous- ing for a branch library, Girl Scout and Brownie groups, various clubs and associations, and a nursery school. Sometime in the future a fourth and final building is to be erected. Rev. Fred R. Morrow is pastor.

CAMPBELL — On September 17 this church dedicated a new addition to its Church School and social rooms. This provides an assembly and social hall 42 by 27 feet and three new classrooms, the whole addition being used on Sundays for the Primary De- partment. The hall was dedicated "Merriman Hall," in honor of the Merriman family, who for two gener- ations have done so much to advance the Church School and young peo- ple's work. The church has adopted a policy of building a new church on a new site eventually, but has erected this addition to tide over the inter- vening years. Rev. Corwin H. Olds is pastor.

SAN FRANCISCO, FIRST—More than 20 people were received into membership on World Communion Day, bringing the total up to 160 since the coming of Rev. William E. McCormack thirteen months ago. President Stuart L. Anderson of P.S.R. and Rev. Frank C. Laubach, noted missionary, were speakers on Septem- ber 17, while Dr. McCormack was in the east attending meetings of the Board of Home Missions.

SAN FRANCISCO, CHINESE— The large basement underlying the entire building has been greatly im- proved with asphalt tile on floor, knot- ty pine walls, and acoustical tile ceil- ing. The kitchen has been remodeled with new equipment and additional lavatory facilities have been provided. The next step will be the securing of furnishings, and the result will be a very nice social parlor. Rev. Bing Yee Leong is pastor.

OAKLAND, NEW PILGRIM — With the opening of the fall program, the "coffee hour" will be resumed for fellowship and discussion following the Sunday morning service. On Sep- tember 24 a friendly visitation cam- paign was held. Rev. George W. Lindsay is the new adviser for the State Pilgrim Fellowship.

WOMEN'S FEDERATION NEWS

Mrs. E. B. Kientz, Correspondent

The fall meeting of the Federation will be held in Ebenezer Congregational Church, Lodi, on Thursday, October 19.

The next regular meeting of the Federation will be on November 16 at the First Congregational Church, Oakland.

HAIL AND FAREWELL TO W. B. M. P.

On September 6, 1950, some sixty people gathered at the Pacific School of Religion to participate in the last meeting of an historic group, the Woman's Board of Missions for the Pacific, and to greet and hear speak six women who had served under the W.B.M.P. for many years in various parts of the world. They came to us from San Mateo and Claremont, California, Washington state, and Michigan.

Preceding the luncheon a reception was held in the lounge of the new building. In the receiving line were Mrs. James H. Price and Mrs. Ernest A. Evans to introduce the guests: Miss Nina Rice, Mrs. Valley Nelson Pendleton, Mrs. Bertha Allen St. Clair, Dr. Alma Locke Cooke, Mrs. George A. Hinman, and Mrs. Aileen Parsons Andrews. Other guests were Rev. and Mrs. Robert A. Whitaker and Rev. and Mrs. Stuart LeRoy Anderson. Dr. Anderson is the new president of the PSR.

Following the reception, luncheon was served in the dining-hall, where the tables had been beautifully and appropriately decorated for the occasion by Mrs. Warren Olney, Jr., of Berkeley. Mrs. Evans presided over the meeting which followed. She introduced a number of women who were daughters of the founders of the W.B.M.P. back in 1873, and read greetings from Miss Ruth Isabel Seabury, Dr. Fred Field Godsell, the American Board, the Woman's Board of Missions, missionaries Frances Clapp, Maude McGwigan, Lucille Day, two former presidents of the W.B.M.P., Mrs. Reed B. Cherington and Mrs. Robert Kirkwood of Palo Alto, and Mrs. Helen Street Rannev of Claremont, who was Executive Secretary of the Board when it maintained an office in San Francisco.

Then came the highlight of the day when the six guests of honor were introduced, one by one, and each spoke briefly, paying tribute to the loyalty and earnestness of the women who made up the W.B.M.P., which sent them out and sustained them as they gave their years of service. Miss Edith Parsons of San Mateo was the first to speak, as she had gone to Brousa, Turkey, in 1912, and had seen the change in the type of work that had been done there, but told how very worthwhile it has been for the missionaries to stay and work in Turkey even though they cannot preach or teach Christianity except by example.

Miss Nina Rice, a good friend to the Armenians in Turkey, told briefly of her work at the school at Sivas, and of the influence spreading to many parts of the world as their Armenian pupils are now at work as doctors, nurses, and Christian home-makers as far away from home as in Chicago and California.

A message was given from Miss Jeannie Jillson, who worked for many years at Brousa, Turkey, and who now lives with Miss Rice at Claremont.

A modern Miss from Lebanon was introduced in the person of Grace Serafian, who has attended Schauffler at Cleveland and is now making her home with the James Prices while she attends Pacific School of Religion.

Mrs. Aileen Parsons Andrews swished us away to Mazatlan, Mexico, to the school that has weathered depressions and wars and is still the best school in the area, a co-educational school which now has a commercial department and is looking forward to adding a music department.

From Mexico we took a look at China with Dr. Alma Locke Cooke. A sad picture, today, but Dr. Cooke assured us that there is a bright thread running through from the past into the future which gives hope if we can make out the pattern. At present Dr. Cooke is the head of the University Health Service at the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor.

Mrs. Valley Nelson Pendleton was a nurse with Dr. Cooke in her work at the Elizabeth Memorial Hospital at Lintsing, China. She introduced the other two former missionaries from China, Rev. and Mrs. Robert B. Whitaker. Mr. Whitaker is now pastor at Sunol.

From Lintsing we moved on down to Foochow, China, with Bertha Allen St. Clair, who recalled the happy years she spent at the Union Kindergarten Training School from 1916 to 1941, under sponsorship of the W.B.M.P.

Our last missionary speaker, Mrs. George W. Hinman, was introduced as a missionary to missionaries and also as the author of the hymn written especially for the fiftieth anniversary of the W.B.M.P. back in 1923.

Miss Elizabeth Wilcox, accompanied by Miss Ethel Lucas, then sang the "Jubilee Hymn."

Before the closing worship service Mrs. E. V. Krick paid a very fine tribute to Mrs. Evans, who has served as president of the Board not only during its active years prior to 1923 but also since the merger and now through this final year, seeing that all legal matters were properly cared for. In closing, she presented to Mrs. Evans a diploma with the degree of LFB—Leader, Friend, Beloved. This diploma was signed by all of the Directors and had on it the official seal of the W.B.M.P.

Dr. Stuart LeRoy Anderson, vice-president of the A.B.C.F.M., closed this "sad, glad day," as he termed it, by reading the 90th Psalm. He said the loyalty goes on because nothing has been finished. The real things go on even though the legal organization has been dissolved. Through the American Board we are all still at work and will continue to do so as long as we live, because that is the type of work done by our Mission Boards.

HOW DID IT BEGIN?

What? Why, the W.B.M.P., of course! Well, here it is!

At a meeting of the General Association of Congregational Churches of California, held in the church at Santa Cruz in 1873, one of the speakers was a new minister at Santa Barbara, the Rev. J. W. Hough. He had recently come from Michigan, and the topic of his address was "Woman's Boards of Missions." He told of the organization of the Woman's Board of Missions at Boston in 1868 and of the Woman's Board of Missions of the Interior with headquarters at Chicago, and the branches along the east coast and in the middle west. He also spoke of the condition of the women in foreign lands, so secluded that no man missionary might ever reach them. The heart of every woman present at the Conference was stirred, and a little later in the program they were adjourned to the social hall, where, with much trepidation but with the encouragement of Rev. J. K. McLean of First Church, Oakland, and Rev. T. K. Noble of Plymouth Church, Oakland, the Woman's Board of Missions was formed. The churches represented in this historic gathering were San Mateo, Santa Barbara, four from San Francisco, Soquel, Rio Vista, San Jose, Oakland, and Santa Cruz. Officers were elected: President, Mrs. A. L. Stone; Secretary, Mrs. S. S. Smith; Treasurer, Mrs. R. E. Cole. Thirteen of the women present each contributed a dollar, to have money in the treasury, particularly to carry on correspondence.

The W.B.M.P. became a going concern. Soon there were ten auxiliaries and monthly meetings were held in Bay area churches. Eight hundred dollars were the receipts for the first year. Washington, Oregon, Nevada, and Utah women were urged to join. At the third annual meeting held in Redwood City, twenty-three auxiliaries were represented, and contributions were made for work in Japan, China, and Mexico, with Turkey soon after. The officers were such very modest women that it was not until 1878 that they read their own annual reports.

Very fittingly, the tenth annual meeting was held in Santa Cruz, and it was a real celebration. Thirty-five of the fifty auxiliaries were represented by one hundred fifty women.

One of the secretaries wrote, "The things of the Master's Kingdom become our special care during the hours we spend together, and right sweet the care-taking seems. Our precious meetings! What a joy to attend them! What a sorrow it would be to give them up!"

After fifty-three years of service it was decided to merge the Women's Boards with the American Board, and this was accomplished January 1, 1927, but the women continued to work and pray and give.

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NEW CHURCHES

I think God loves new temples built to Him,
And watches as each stone is laid on stone,
And smiles to see them laid so straight and true,
Lifting the strong wide walls to heaven's blue.
And when the carpenters have done with them,
And each new Church stands finished and alone,
When dusk sifts violet shadows through the glass
Of painted windows, I think that God must pass
Between the new dim aisles, and stopping where
The last light falls across His shining hair,
He kneels and holds the first communion there.

—Lexie Dean Robertson

VISITOR FROM ENGLAND

Word comes that Miss Dorothy Gill, registrar and bursar of Yorkshire United Independent College of England, is planning to spend a few days in Northern California, namely, from November 26 to 30. She is a Congregational lay preacher, highly recommended, and wishes to secure preaching and other speaking appointments, especially in women's groups and other organizations. She is reported to be an effective speaker, with wit, charm, and something to say. A modest honorarium is requested. If any church or organization desires her services please communicate with the Conference office.

MINISTERS' WIVES TO MEET

Ministers' wives of the Bay Area will be entertained at the home of Mrs. Philip G. Murray, 218 San Carlos Avenue, Oakland, on Tuesday, October 31.

WANTED—more dish towels for Cazadero! Send them to Congregational Cazadero, Star Route, Box 60, Cazadero, California.

FLASH!

Word has just reached the desk of The Pacific that Supt. Helson C. Dreier of our sister Conference in the South has resigned, to take effect January 15. He will be on the staff of the Missions Council, with special responsibility for interesting substantial givers to the cause of the Board of Home Missions. He has done an almost impossible job in seeking to meet the tremendous growth in Southern California.

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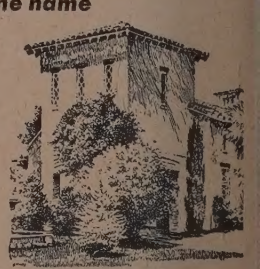

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